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City of New Bedford Scott W. Lang, Mayor

PRESS RELEASE

Veolia Water North America Contributes \$10,000 to Mayor's Summer Youth Program

New Bedford, Massachusetts- Representatives from Veolia Water North America met with Mayor Scott W. Lang today and presented him with a \$10,000.00 donation to the Mayor's Summer Youth Program. This generous contribution will provide for 40 stipends for 14 and 15 year olds who will participate in the Mayor's Summer Youth Program this summer.

Sandra C. Sullivan, Vice President of Business Development for Veolia explained that when Veolia Water heard about the mayor's program they were eager to become involved. "This is exactly the type of project that Veolia Water likes to support because it involves the future of the youth of the city. We're very happy to support it," she said.

"I am sincerely grateful to Veolia Water for their generosity. Investing in our youth today is the key to New Bedford's future," said Mayor Lang.

In April, the mayor announced that he would again this year initiate a summer service program that would provide the youth of our city with a combination of work experience, education and community activities. To date, almost 40 businesses and New Bedford residents have made contributions to the program, raising an additional \$10,000. The Mayor continues to appeal to the area business community for its support.

For more information about how your business or community organization can become involved in supporting the 2007 Mayor's Summer Youth Program contact Catherine Rollins in the New Bedford Mayor's Office at (508) 979-1410.

If your child is interested in participating in the program please contact the staff at New Directions at (508) 979-1616 for more information.